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1. In mid-February 1950, a 10,000 ton Soviet vessel arrived at the port of Wonsan (127-26, 39-10) with a group of 42 Soviets. The group was headed by a Soviet army colonel, with a Major as assistant, and was composed of military personnel except for eight civilians who appeared to be technicians. The group was scheduled to make a two-month inspection tour of Wonsan, Chongjin (129-49, 41-46), Songjin (129-12, 40-40), and Najin (130-15, 42-10). The last inspection was to be made at Najin, from which the group was scheduled to leave for the USSR approximately 20 April 1950.*
2. Lieutenant Colonel Marenko, from the Soviet military advisory group,** with PANG Hak-se (), North Korean Deputy Minister of Interior, and several adjutants, visited Namchonjom (126-24, 38-20) on 3 and 4 April 1950. The group traveled from Pyongyang by car and stayed overnight in Namchonjom. They inspected the headquarters of the 1st Division, interviewed important military leaders, and held a meeting with leading members of the county people's committee and the local headquarters of the North Korean Labor Party.

* [REDACTED] Comment. Soviet inspections of various North Korean installations have been previously reported [REDACTED]

Comment. Members of the Soviet military advisory group made an inspection of various North Korean facilities at Wonsan, Chongjin, Songjin, and Najin in December 1949.

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